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Agency Information Collection Request. 60-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment.

DATES: Comments on the ICR must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov or by calling (202) 795-7714.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier OS-0990-new-60D and project title for reference., to Sherrette.funn@hhs.gov, or call 202-795-7714, the Reports Clearance Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OASH specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Title of the Collection: Health Evaluation of Pregnancy Prevention Program Replications for High Risk and Hard to Reach Youth

Type of Collection: OMB No. 0990-NEW

Abstract: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is requesting approval by OMB on a new information collection request. OASH seeks to collect information to understand whether previously proven adolescent pregnancy programs have similar effects on knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, intentions, and behaviors related to sexual activity and health among different youth in different locations, especially among understudied and hard-to-reach youth. We propose to collect both qualitative and quantitative information in a quasi-experimental design with a matched comparison group. Approximately 12 organizations implementing a broad range of previously proven-effective pregnancy prevention programs (including sexual health education, sexual risk avoidance, and youth development programs) will recruit hard to reach or high-risk youth. Youth will complete surveys at baseline, immediately following the intervention, and at three months follow-up, yielding quantitative data about youth knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, intentions, and behaviors related to sexual health. Surveys will last for about 50 minutes. Focus groups yielding qualitative data about youth perspectives about adolescent pregnancy prevention programs will occur after the interventions are complete and will last for approximately 90 minutes.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: Rates of pregnancy among hard-to-reach, high-risk, vulnerable, or understudied youth are significantly higher than the general population. However, there have been few evaluations assessing whether programs that have been previously proven successful can be delivered successfully to these youth. Hence, this evaluation is intended to help fill the evidence gap about the efficacy and effectiveness of existing pregnancy

prevention programs among high-risk, vulnerable, or understudied youth. To enhance the rigor of the evaluation, a matched comparison group will be identified. OASH plans to use the findings of this evaluation to inform guidance to HHS grantees and prospective grantees on approaches for replication of pregnancy prevention programs for hard-to-reach and underserved youth.

Likely respondents: Respondents will include youth aged, and their parents/guardians. Respondents will also include youth in a matched comparison group (“comparison youth”).

Burden: Exhibit 1 summarizes the total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR. This hour-burden estimate includes time spent by program youth, comparison group youth, and parents/guardians of both groups to complete data collection for the ICR.

Respondents	Form Name	Max No. of Respondents	Average Burden per Response (hours)	Total Max Burden (hours)
Youth Program Participants	Baseline survey	3,060	0.83	2,540
	First follow-up survey	1,836	0.83	1,524
	3-month follow-up survey	1,102	0.83	914
	Focus group assent	1,193	0.25	298
	Focus group protocol	1,074	1.50	1,611
Youth Comparison Group Participants	Baseline survey	9,181	0.83	7,620
	First follow-up survey	1,836	0.83	1,524
	3-month follow-up survey	1,101	0.83	914
Parents/Guardians	Enrollment forms	4,708	0.25	1,177
	Parental consent	14,124	0.25	3,531
Total Burden				21,654

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